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1. WE AND PRESUMABLY OTHER ANTARCTIC TREATY NATIONS ARE PREPARING FOR SPECIAL PREPARATORY MEETING IN PARIS IN SUMMER 1976 FOR NINTH ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN 1977. PREPCOM IS SUPPOSED TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF ANTARCTIC RESOURCES EXPLORATION AND EXPLOITATION AFTER TERMS OF REFERENCE HAVE BEEN DETERMINED BY TREATY CONSULTATIVE PARTIES THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATION VIII-14 OF THE EIGHTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING.

2. WE ARE, OF COURSE, WILLING TO DISCUSS ANY MATTERS RELATING TO ANTARCTIC TREATY WITH OUR TREATY PARTNERS. IF CHILEANS DESIRE CONSULTATIONS ON PREPCOM, KNOWLEDGEABLE
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U.S. OFFICIALS IN DEPARTMENT WILL BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE

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CHILEANS IN WASHINGTON AT ANY TIME. OUR OWN PLANNING HAS
NOT YET ADVANCED TO POINT AT WHICH DISCUSSION WOULD WARRANT
SPECIAL TRIP TO SANTIAGO BY U.S. OFFICIAL. WE EXPECT, HOW-
EVER, THAT IN A FEW WEEKS WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO TALK

MORE SPECIFICALLY WITH CHILEANS AND OTHERS ABOUT TERMS
OF REFERENCE FOR THE PREPCOM.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE NAMES OF CHILEAN OFFICIALS
DESIRING TO CONSULT. INGERSOLL

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